**Expelled priest allowed to return and stay in India**

3177. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:
SHRI SURAJ PRASAD:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the expelled Belgian Priest, Father William Van De Kerckhove has been allowed to return and stay in India;

(b) whether it is a fact that he used to stay in Ranchi and was expelled from India some time back;

(c) if so, the charges and circumstances under which he was expelled; and

(d) the grounds on which Government decided to change its earlier decision?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS: AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) There were adverse reports against him.

(d) Does not arise?

**Deportation of minorities from Assam**

3178. SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM:
DR. R. K. PODDAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some minorities were forcibly deported some time back from Assam despite High Court directives in this regard;

(b) if so, whether any effort to minimise such incidents have been initiated and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what is the outcome of such efforts; if any?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) to (c): The State Government of Assam while intimating, that the question of non-compliance of the High Court decisions while carrying out the eviction operations does not arise, have informed that an enquiry is being made to ascertain if there has been any such case.

**Harassment, illegal expulsion of minorities in Assam**

3179. SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item published in the Amrita Bazar Patrika dated 12th September, 1986 under the caption "Harassment, illegal expulsion of minorities reported in Assam";

(b) what is the reaction of the Government to the said news;

(c) if so, how far the report was found to be correct; and

(d) the action taken by Government in this matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Representations have been received from various quarters complaining of harassment of minorities arising of eviction of encroachers by the State Government agencies and in connection with the process of detection of foreigners etc. There has also been a report of a few families having crossed over to North Beagal in the wake of evictions carried out in the North Lakhimpur district. These complaints/reports have been referred to the State Government for appropriate remedial action and for arranging repatriation of the affected families of Assam expeditiously. The specific cases referred to in the press report have been referred to the State Government whose report is awaited.